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FACTS FOR THE TIMES.

President Andrew Jackson the First "Gold-bug."—Cheap Money Means Cheap Men.

Editor Democrat:

How many people are aware of the fact that in 1834 Andrew Jackson, being then President of the United States, the ratio of our coinage was changed from the rate established in 1792 of 15 to 1, and made 16 to 1? This new ratio undervalued silver and as a natural consequence it was worth more as bullion than as United States dollars, with the farther result that the silver dollars would not stay in this country but were exported and melted up. General Jackson's administration, therefore, placed the country on a gold basis and the old hero was the first and original "gold bug."

I have yet to learn that Andrew Jackson's Democracy has ever been called in question, and what so good a democrat as he maintained is good democratic doctrine now, let some small Executive Committee men say what they will. How many men among us ever saw a United States silver dollar before 1837? I remember working when I was a boy, three months in the summer of 1837, and being paid off at the end of the season with three silver MEXICAN dollars—there were no United States dollars in circulation at that time. Our small currency was Spanish or Mexican quarter-dollars, eighths and sixteenths; the two latter known in New England as ninepence and four-pence, in New York as shillings and sixpence, and farther South as bit and picayunes—our present coinage of dime and half dime came in later.

The advocates of free coinage tell us that silver is better money than gold because of its cheapness. If silver is better than gold because of its cheapness, then, of course, iron would be better than silver, as it is much cheaper. Well, I know a people who have and use iron money. They are so poor and their purchases are on so small a scale, and their wages are so low that iron money suits their needs. It takes two men to carry a dollars worth of this money. The money is as cheap as the people—this people are the Chinese. As a matter of fact, the more civilized a people are the more valuable is their medium of exchange. Our native Indians used shells in the shape of wampum. Savages in the interior of Africa use brass wire and all European nations, as well as our own, use gold. Cheap money, as I said, then, means cheap men. Yours truly,

CIVIS.

Blowing Rock, June 11, 1895.

A Clergyman's Statement.

Three years ago we had a beautiful boy born to us. At the age of eleven months he breathed his last, a victim to impure blood. On August 4, 1891, another boy was born, who at the age of two months became afflicted with the same disease. We believed the trouble was constitutional, and not common sore mouth. Procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and commenced to give it regularly to both mother and baby. Improvement began at once. We have succeeded in eradicating the scrofulous blood from the system and to-day we are blessed with a nice, fat baby boy, 18 months old—the very picture of health, all life and full of mischief—thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla. I am a minister in the Methodist Protestant church, and it affords me much pleasure to recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all as a safe, sure remedy. Even my wife, after taking Hood's, became healthy and fleshy and has the bloom of girlhood again." REV. J. M. PATE, Brookline Station, Mo.

SABBATH BREAKING.

Editor Democrat:

It seems that Sabbath breaking is on the increase, and yet the same command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is just as binding as it ever was. There are men who claim to be Christians who will ride all day Sunday to reach some point to make a trade on Monday, and they had just as well make the trade on Sunday. There are a great many men who are too busy to go to Sunday School or church on God's holy day, and propose and make trades on Sunday. People who claim to be Christians and cannot take time to observe the Sabbath, do not deserve to prosper in the world's goods; and my observation has lead me to believe that God will not prosper those who claim to love Him and will not observe His holy day. Some will say that it depends on our efforts whether we prosper in the world or not. I believe that it depends on our efforts and God's will too, and if we do not honor Him He will not prosper him in this world. But we should not keep the Sabbath in hope of reward in this life, but because the Lord says so, and we ought to love to obey Him. But people who claim to love Him will collect in groups all over the country on Sunday and talk politics, business or anything but religion, and that before the world, then how can we expect the world to keep the Sabbath by such examples? I believe that the Lord controls the finances of His people, but the world may desecrate the holy Sabbath and the Lord may allow them to accumulate wealth in the world, but not so with His people. Now, reader, look around you and see if this is not a fact. I believe that all parents want their children to keep the Sabbath, and if so, why not set the example, and teach them to reverence the holy Christian Sabbath? How can we expect our children to observe that day when we live so careless ourselves.

A. ROTEN.

Zionville, June 11, 1895.

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